

II Applicant's Response to Matters Raised in the Office Action

A. Status

Applicant notes that the Office Action states that the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters and that prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

B. Disposition of Claims

Applicant further notes that pending claims 2–9, 11–18 and 23–26 are allowed.

C. Applicant's Response to Examiner's Objection to Arrangement of Specification

The Examiner has acknowledged receipt of the papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which have been placed of record in the file, but has objected to the specification and suggested guidelines for an acceptable Arrangement of the Specification. Accordingly, Applicant has attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, a revised specification which conforms to the format guidelines with respect to the names and order of the headings.

D. Applicant's Response to the Objection to an Informality In the Disclosure at page 2, line 8

Applicant understands the Examiner's objection to a reference to claims within a specification because "the nature of the claims can and does change during the course of prosecution." Accordingly, Applicant has deleted the statement at page 2, line 8 of the original specification, "This object is achieved by the features of claims 1 and 9."

E. Applicant's Clarification Concerning the Abstract of the Disclosure

The papers submitted by Applicant in connection with the filing of the Application unintentionally presented two abstracts of the disclosure, the abstract at page 20 of the English translation of the International Application and the abstract set forth in Published International Application WO 01/03747A1. Accordingly, Applicant corrects this possible ambiguity by stating

that the abstract intended to be part of this Application is the abstract at page 20 of the English language translation of the International Application and not the abstract from the published International Application. This selection does not introduce new matter into the Application as the abstract selected was part of the Application entering the United States national phase. Accordingly, Applicant has presented the abstract intended to be part of this Application on page 22 of the revised specification, and quotes it below to resolve any confusion:

(j) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE.

Method and Device for Enriching Air with an Air Treatment Agent

In a method for enriching air with an air treatment agent (12), especially for the disinfection of air, an air treatment agent (12) is introduced into the air and evaporated from a liquid phase. The proportion of treatment agent in the air per m³ of air is between 0.1 and 0.002 ml, preferably between 0.01 and 0.005 ml. In a device according to the invention for enriching air with an air treatment agent (12), a liquid air treatment agent (12) is provided in a storage vessel (10). It is supplied to a vortexing chamber (16). In the vortexing chamber (16), a current of air (34) produced by a fan (24) exists; it causes the liquid air treatment agent to be vortexed so that a mixture of air and vaporized air treatment agent exits from the vortexing chamber (16).

III Applicant Requests Correction of Title of Invention

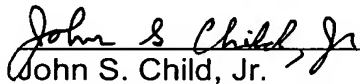
The Filing Receipt which was mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 19, 2002, inadvertently recited an incorrect title for the Invention, "Protective circuit for protecting active components from over-or undervoltage." The correct title is "Method and Device for Enriching Air with an Air Treatment Agent." In a facsimile communication to the Office of Initial Patent Examinations/Filing Receipt Corrections, on November 14, 2003 (copy attached hereto as **Exhibit B**), Applicant requested this correction, but reiterates the request in this paper to avoid any further confusion.

IV Conclusion

It is believed that the above constitutes a complete response under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.111 and that all bases of rejection stated in the Official Action have been adequately rebutted and/or overcome. A Notice of Allowance in the next Office Action is therefore requested. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney if any matters that can reasonably be expected to be resolved in a telephone interview are believed to impede the allowance of United States Patent Application Number 10/019,239.

Respectfully submitted,

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